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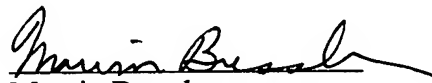
Applicants, in order to meet their duty of disclosure, set forth at 37 C.F.R. §1.56, submit herewith those references which they deem pertinent to the claims of the present application.

The pertinent prior art references are: Apajalahti et al., Appl. Environ. Microbiol., 44, In Press (October 2003); Jie et al., Am. J. Clin. Nutr., 72, 1503-1509 (2000);

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To that end, applicants enclose completed Form PTO-1449 wherein these references are set forth. In accordance with the new rule set forth at 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), applicants are not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. patent references.

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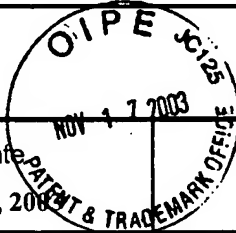
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